

## WHAT'S PROPOSED

The federal government is proposing new offshore drilling in the Mid- and South Atlantic and the Arctic Ocean in its next five year drilling plan. In addition, seismic surveys for oil and gas are scheduled to begin in the Atlantic this year that would harm marine life. The West Coast and Eastern Gulf of Mexico were not included in the draft drilling plan; however, there are proposals in Congress to expand drilling to these areas as well. Our federal leaders need to hear from the public that new offshore drilling is not the answer!



### IT'S NOT WORTH IT

Our nation's coastal ecosystems generate billions of dollars in economic revenue through tourism, recreation, and fisheries. The expansion of offshore drilling would put these benefits at risk. Moreover, drilling out all of the oil and gas in the Atlantic would provide us with less than a year's worth of U.S. oil production according to federal government data. Yet the disastrous environmental and economic impacts would last for decades.

## ABOUT US



The Surfrider Foundation is a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our oceans, waves, and beaches through a powerful network of more than 250,000 activists, members and supporters and 84 chapters around the country.

The Surfrider Foundation opposes the expansion of offshore drilling in the US. We advocate for legislation and agency decisions that will prohibit exploration, development, and production of oil and gas in state and federal waters.

We support comprehensive and environmentally sustainable energy solutions, including energy conservation.

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